GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT UNDER ARTICLE I AND I
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)The number of meetings of Tribal Advisory Council held and number of Annual Administrative Report submitted by the Tribal Advisory council during the last three years;

(b)Whether the States having Fifty Scheduled Areas are not regular in holding meetings of Tribal Advisory Council and not submitting the Annual Administrative Report as envisaged under Article 244(i) of the constitution;

(c) If so, the reasons therefore;

(d)The steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(e)Whether the Union Government has examined the existing administrative setup in Fifth Scheduled Areas to strengthen the administration envisaged under Article 244(i)and 275(i) of the first provision keeping view the over all administration; and

(f) If so, the details and present status thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a)The State-wise number of meetings of the Tribes Advisory Councils (TAC) held since its constitution in different States and the Governor`s Reports for the period 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 received from the State Governments now under the Fifth Schedule are given below:-

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of TAC meeting held since constitution	Reports received for the Period
1	Andhra Pradesh	96	-
2	Chhattisgarh	07	2002-03,2003-04
3	Gujarat	15	2002-03,2003-04
4	Himachal Pradesh	34	2002-03,2003-04
5	Jharkhand	04	-
6	Madhya Pradesh	01	-
7	Maharashtra	42	-
8	Rajasthan	21	2002-03,2003-04,2004-05
9	Orissa	54	2002-03,2003-04

Governor`s Report for the period 2005-06 will be due from the States after September,2006.

(b) to (d): The Governor`s Report in respect of some of the States have not been submitted in time, and for the Sates of Andhra Pradesh,Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra no repots has been received during the last three years. The State Governments have been requested that the TAC should meet at least twice a year. The State Governments have also been requested to submit the Governor`s Report in time and informed that the Report should be placed before the TAC and observations made by the TAC of the State should be part of the Governor`s Report indicating the steps taken in accordance with the recommendations of the TAC.

(e) & (f):The Second Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission constituted under Article 339(1) of the Constitution in its report submitted to President on 16.07.2004, inter-alia made various recommendations on the Governor`s Report on the Administration of the Scheduled Areas. The extracts of the recommendations have been circulated amongst all the concerned State Governments for their compliance, comments and action taken.

The Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission has been requested to evaluate the programme taken up out of the Grants-in-aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution.The Water and Power Consultancy Services Ltd (WAPCOS) has also been entrusted to conduct an evaluation study on `Evaluation and Assessment of the outcomes of the developmental schemes/ projects sanctioned under Article 275(1) of the Constitution`. The Parliamentary Standing Committee has examined the subject ` Implementation of Programmes for promoting the welfare of Scheduled Tribes through grants under 1st proviso to Article 275 of the Constitution` during 2005-06.